

**CITY OF FITCHBURG
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2007

COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Starr, Chairman, Dave Brooks (6:45), Mike Donnelly, Harry Karis, John Koutonen

GUEST: Kevin Sanders

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Smith, Mike O'Hara

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Starr called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Veteran's Room, First Floor, City Hall.

MISC. ITEMS

Violation, 455-459 Princeton Rd., duplex

Mr. Wilbur in to discuss. Was unaware of OOC on property when he bought it. Clearing & tree removal in rear & yard went beyond what was on approved plan.

Mike D: deed should refer to OOC.

Replace what was cut w/ eastern white pines -- can pull up from woods & plant - fast growing.

Neighbor also wants to put in swimming pool. Tim: wetland in that area is of questionable value.

Within two weeks, Mr. Wilbur will follow up w/ Mike O'H

Quarry Lane/Wall St./Amiott St. drainage

Chris Deloge updated ConCom w/ plans dated 6-25-07. Plan & report to be submitted soon to DEP.

Proposes to connect pipe behind Chappel property to street drain in Amiott Street. Another option would be remove drain under Pinault parcel at end of Wall Street & run new drain down Wall Street.

Chris: It's cheaper to drain to Amiott Street than to install 500 feet new drain in Wall Street to King/Wall intersection. The plan discussed tonight is meant to alleviate Mr. Chappell's problem. Will still need to make Quarry Lane site work according to original plan, per DEP.

When asked by Tim, Chris's conclusion: construction of Quarry Lane drainage system was wrong, not the design of system.

Mike D: Wall Street is the better solution.

Tim: can't say that right now, because need to investigate can Wall Street handle that extra water?

Chris: If go w/Wall Street, it may eliminate need for work in Amiott Street.

Conclusion: whatever Chris submits to DEP will also be submitted to ConCom. He'll copy ConCom any correspondence rec'd from DEP.

Ms. Neylon, 99 Wall St: request to keep 10-foot buffer between replicated wetland and her property, as previously agreed to by Donell. Keep existing trees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Intent - Brideau, 70 King St., two duplexes (cont'd from 5-29-07)

Dean Brideau & Chris Deloge, Whitman & Bingham present.

Tim: the small wetland on Brideau parcel of questionable value. Rain garden between buildings gone -- now a shallow drainage swale.

Motion made & seconded to approve Order of Conditions. Vote 6-0 to approve, But ConCom will hold OOC until Donell shows some action in resolving drainage problem.

Notice of Intent - City of Fitchburg, Coolidge Park renovations (cont'd from 5-29-07)

David Streb requested continuance to July.

He stated a portion of the work is the renovation of the entrance road, which was apparently constructed over an old landfill. As part of the city's due diligence, they dug test pits and performed testing. These test results have been received, and have caused some uncertainty in the scope of work. Additional testing needed to determine how best to proceed:

- geophysical assessment to determine the extent of the landfill,
- groundwater testing to determine whether the groundwater is contaminated, and what procedures, if any, need to be carried out during dewatering for construction.

Hearing was continued to July 31.

Notice of Intent - Wachusett Development - 41 Sheldon Street, building trade shops (cont'd from 5-29-07) Pat McCarty had submitted written request to postpone to July meeting. They are planning to get thru Planning Board first, and then ConCom.

Voted to postpone to July 31.

Notice of Intent - 80 & 100 Erdman Way LLC expand parking area (cont'd from 5-29-07)

Chris Deloge and Tim Norton, applicant presented plan.

Tim raised issue of retaining wall instead of rip-rap in one area if they want to keep 2 parking spaces.

Norton's long-term plan is to eventually build 15,000 s.f. bldg on parking lot in other side of Erdman Way. They want to have as much parking as possible & not have to eliminate any spaces.

Issues: contamination of Nashua from drain in Leom. -- needs another push from the applicant's engineer. Cannot wait for years for MHD's Rt. 12 project to begin in this area, it must be resolved before then.

They will do improvements to cart path & gate it off. Tim: improvements to path will prevent future erosion -- is important to the River front area.

Kevin: suggest move snow storage area from the rain garden. Don't want salt going in there.

Tim: rain garden here is a good solution since there's lots of gravel to allow infiltration.

Chris: is designed for 100-year storm. There will not be berm at edge of parking area.

Tim Norton: they remove most of plowed snow. Don't need lot of snow storage.

Motion made & seconded to approve Order of Conditions. Vote 6-0 to approve. ConCom will hold off on signing the OOC until receipt of revised plan from W&B, and ConCom can review DRAFT special conditions. Members can come in & sign OOC when done.

Notice of Intent - Universal Machine, 323 Princeton Rd., expand driveway & parking area (cont'd from 5-29-07)

Chris Deloge, Jess Ouellette of Universal Machine and Atty. Watts present again.

Commission & applicant reviewed Tim's report. Raised issues with erosion caused by 15-inch drain pipe sticking out of slope on other side of Princeton Rd.

Chris: they're willing to install rip-rap at end of pipe & shorten outfall of pipe so not sticking so far out of slope.

Chris: because the will loam & seed site, they're recharge more than the site conditions when there was a bldg at 299 Princeton Rd. Also they are treating stormwater w/ "Stormceptor" system.

Tim: only a small part of site is in Riverfront Area. His main concern is erosion at the end of 15-inch pipe on other side of Princeton Rd.

Mike D: 21E done? Jess: yes, clean 21E.

Kevin had asked last month for erosion controls to be installed since already working on site. Was not done & now CB is completely filled in.

Jess: they will unclog & install erosion control tomorrow.

They will supply same landscaping plan to ConCom that they're giving to Planning Board.

Motion made & seconded to approve Order of Conditions. Vote 6-0 to approve

Notice of Intent - Montachusett Enterprise Center, First St., two dwellings

Chris Deloge & Glenn Eaton, M.E.C. presented plan.

Two single family dwellings, stormwater will drain to two rain gardens.

There is steep drop off at top of bank. Pipe fence will be replaced with a decorative fence, not chain link. He's willing to do veg. removal along banking, if needed.

Mike D: any other improvements to Riverfront Area? No.

Other concerns raised - no dumping down the steep slope.

Rain Gardens - M.E.C. will deed restrict them.

Motion made & seconded to approve Order of Conditions. Vote 6-0 to approve

OTHER ITEMS

Certificates of Compliance

several signed:

155-406	Bouvier, 880 Rindge Rd.
155-411	Larouche, 1179 Ashby State Rd.
155-412	Caves, 1345 Rindge Rd.
155-416	Fairbanks, 61 Caswell Rd.
155-446	Waterman, 940 Fisher Rd.
155-450	Fitchburg Airport, 567 Crawford St.
155-451	Zottoli, 500 Ashburnham Hill Rd.
155-456	Wass-Arthur Signs, 20 Crawford St.
155-463	Saforum, 703 Blossom
155-467	Lavoie, 0 Ashby West Rd. map78R-36-B (adjacent to 732 Scott) (expired - invalid)
155-468	Green, Old Princeton Rd. (adjac. to #100) (expired - invalid)

Local wetlands by-law

Kevin still working on draft.

Discussion about using inspection forms Tim drafted.

Motion made & seconded to adjourn. Vote unanimous.

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting: July 31, 2007

Approved: 9-24-07